Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

2427456

Incident Information

URN: 917 - 04429 - 0373 - 151 | Date: 05/11/17 | Time: 1830 Hours

Location: [redacted] West 112Th Street | City or Station: Los Angeles

Bureau/Station/Facility: South Los Angeles Station | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Canine Deployment

Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3 | Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO | Suspect Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO

☐ Call ☒ Observation ☐ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Sgt. John Adams | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Barragan	Edwin		DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: 5'04" | Weight: 152 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Special Enforcement Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Canine Services Detail / 240K9-6

Individual Force Used: Deployment of Canine | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ○2 ◉3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

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On Duty Supervisor ☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Cook	John		SGT	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Cook	John	A.	SGT	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Murphy	Milton	N.	LT

Milton Murphy (signature) | 7-5-17
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: | Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Jack W. Ewell, Captain | Jack W. Ewell (signature) | [redacted] | 07.25.17
Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

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FO# 2427456

☒ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Judge	Michael		Firearm (Shotgun)

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B.	Phone #1 ○ H ○ W ⦿ C	Phone #2 ○ H ○ W ○ C
⦿ Male ○ Female	B	41	5'10"	192	04/21/76	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4988460 Primary Charge Code: 29800(A)(1) PC Secondary Charge Code: 25850(C)6 PC [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ⦿ YES ○ NO Name: L.A.Co. Fire Unit: Eng. 14 Phone #: 213-485-6214

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Harbor-UCLA Medical Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Doctor 310-222-3493 Address: 1000 West Carson Street, Torrance Phone #: 310-467-6483

Under Influence: ○ YES ⦿ NO Substance: None 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ⦿ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 05-11-17 Time: 1806 ☒ Audiotape: ☒ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☒ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name: Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female Race: Age: Height: D.O.B.: Weight: Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

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Last Name: First Name: Middle Name: Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female Race: Age: Height: D.O.B.: Weight: Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

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☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Jurado	Gilbert	

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	
CSD/SEB	241K9-2	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Maldonado	Anthony	

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	
SLA	32B	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Lim	Robert	

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	
SLA	32B	○ EM ○ Day PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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☐ Additional Witness

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Perez	Jorge	

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift:	
SLA	31D	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Suspect Judge	S#1	Deputy Barragan	E#1	HR	NN	--
Deputy Barragan	E#1	Suspect Judge	S#1	CN	DB	GR
Suspect Judge	S#1	Deputy Barragan	E#1	HR	NN	--
Deputy Barragan	E#1	Suspect Judge	S#1	CN	DB	LE

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Canine Deployment - Supervisor's Review

Primary Handler: Barragan	# [redacted]	Canine: Pluto	Unit: 240K9-6
Assist Handler:	#	Canine:	Unit:
Assist Handler:	#	Canine:	Unit:
Assist Handler:	#	Canine:	Unit:

TYPE OF SEARCH

- [x] Area
- [ ] Other:
- [ ] Building

TYPE OF INCIDENT

- [x] Bite
- [ ] Other:

BITE OCCURRED WHILE

- [x] Apprehending Suspect
- [ ] Conducting Search
- [ ] Protecting Handler
- [ ] Other:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [x] Announcements Were Made
- [ ] None (Reason):
- [ ] by Aero Unit
- [x] by Radio Car
- [x] English
- [x] Spanish
- [x] Recorded

Announcement Made by: Dep. Jurado and Sgt. Cook

Criminal History

[redacted]

Notifications

The following personnel were notified regarding the incident:

Lieutenant Michael Modica, SLA Sheriff Station
Lieutenant Milton Murphy, Special Enforcement Bureau
Captain Jack M. Ewell, Special Enforcement Bureau
Sergeant John Adams, Internal Affairs Bureau
Chief Kelley S. Fraser, Special Operations Division

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Use of Force (Category Three - Canine Bite)**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2427456**
URN#:	**917-04429-0373-151**
DATE/TIME:	**May 11, 2017, 1825 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **West 112th Street, Los Angeles**

SYNOPSIS

On May 11, 2017, Special Enforcement Bureau/Canine Service Detail deputies were involved in a use of force in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles. Suspect Judge sustained a detached left testicle as a result of a canine bite.

SUMMARY

On May 11, 2017, at approximately 1520 hours, Unit 32, South Los Angeles Station Deputies Serna (driver) and Fantom (bookman) were at the intersection of Haas Avenue and Lohengrin Street when they saw a four-door, Jeep Laredo, grey in color, with a broken right taillight, a violation of 24603(e) VC. The Jeep was driving east, on West 112th Street, in front of them. Deputy Fantom said they were driving 20-25 mph and the Jeep was "two to three house lengths" in front of them, driving 30-35 mph. Deputies Fantom and Serna saw the driver (Suspect Judge) look over his shoulder, and accelerate to 50 to 60 mph in the residential area. Suspect Judge turned north onto Wilton Place at an estimated speed of 50 mph. Deputy Fantom said Deputy Serna activated the radio car's lights a few seconds prior to the intersection of 112th Street and Wilton Place. **[TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW EMPLOYEE WITNESS FANTOM, PAGE 5-16].**

> **IAB Note:** **During Deputy Fantom's interview with IAB investigators, Deputy Fantom used four eastbound "X" demarcations on an area map to indicate her vehicle's location when 1) Deputy Fantom first saw the broken taillight, 2) when Suspect Judge's vehicle started to accelerate, 3) when Deputy Fantom heard the collision, and 4) when Deputy Fantom saw the effects of the collision. [EXHIBIT A].**

Deputy Fantom heard a loud noise and realized the Jeep had collided into the west property wall at [redacted] The driver of the Jeep, later identified as Michael Martinez Judge, threw a black shotgun from the driver's window, over the Jeep toward the front passenger side. As Deputy Fantom initiated her emergent radio broadcast, Suspect Judge exited the vehicle from the driver's seat and ran east along the driveway of the residence, located at [redacted]

IAB Note: **EXHIBIT A contains a DVD of the radio traffic from Deputy Fantom's initial emergent broadcast and coordination (via tactical frequency) of the incident by deputies on-scene.**

IAB Note: **Deputy Serna was unavailable to be interviewed by IAB investigators due to her Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) absence.**

Deputy Fantom broadcasted to responding units Suspect Judge was possibly armed. Deputy Rojas (Unit 34) coordinated a containment of the area and requested a canine detail, an aero unit, and a tactical frequency (A Tac-2).

After clearing Suspect Judge's Jeep, Deputies Serna and Fantom recovered the firearm. It was a stolen, 12 gauge Mossberg shotgun, loaded (off safe) with a slug round in the chamber, and 4 slug rounds in the barrel.

While at a containment position at Ruthelen Avenue and West 112th Street, Deputies Perez and Saldana (Unit 31D) were flagged down by Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Mr. [redacted] showed the deputies video footage from his surveillance camera of the Suspect Judge running east through his yard. Deputy Perez relayed this information to the responding units on-scene.

Air-8, Deputies Daily and Abbot, arrived at 1535 hours and confirmed the two-block containment was established. At 1650 hours, Air-8 left the area for refueling.

Canine Service Detail (CSD) Sergeant Cook (Unit 240K9S) arrived on-scene at 1645 hours and was briefed by Deputies Serna and Fantom. Based on the information the suspect was previously in possession of a loaded firearm, and likely possessed another, Sergeant Cook made the decision to deploy a police dog.

When CSD Deputy Jurado (Unit 240K9-2) arrived on-scene, he and Sergeant Cook utilized their patrol vehicles to drive the perimeter of the containment and played pre-recorded canine announcements in English and Spanish for approximately 10-15 minutes via their public announcement (PA) system. The

announcements provided Suspect Judge an opportunity to surrender, pending the release of the canine dog, and warned he may be bitten.

As CSD Deputy Barragan (Unit 241K9-6) arrived on-scene, Sergeant Cook directed him to deploy his dog, Pluto. They created a tactical plan to locate Suspect Judge. Deputy Barragan was tasked to lead the team with his dog as a less lethal force option, partnered with the lethal options provided by Sergeant Cook and Deputy Jurado. Deputies Maldonado and Lim (Unit 32B) and Deputy Perez were tasked to physically contact and control Suspect Judge as an arrest team, once he was safely located. The patrol deputies were tasked to stay at the rear of the search team until needed.

When Air-8 returned at 1730 hours, the canine deputies had already completed their public canine announcements. Air-8 provided aerial support and coverage for the team during its search. The search team initiated its search from the property at [redacted]

The search team worked from property-to-property with the leashed police dog, south Ruthelen Avenue, and then east on West 112th Street. Sergeant Cook and Deputy Jurado alternated the task of contacting the occupants at each residence the team approached. With confirmation by the occupants that no one had permission to be in their backyards, and with consent, the search team entered several yards with the police service dog off-leash. This was done only after Deputy Barragan gave multiple, loud verbal commands for Suspect Judge to surrender, and no response was received.

When the team arrived to [redacted] at 1820 hours, Deputy Jurado spoke with the homeowners, [redacted] and [redacted] who consented to a search of their backyard. Mrs. [redacted] stated no one was allowed to be in their backyard, and she provided Deputy Jurado with a key to unlock the gate to their backyard on the east side of her home.

The team advanced along the driveway (on the east side of the residence) which ended at a black, wrought iron gate. The gate obstructed the deputies' view into the backyard. The team staged at the gate's threshold and unlocked it. They saw there were larger items, such as trash cans, in front of a detached garage in which Suspect Judge potentially could have hidden. Deputy Barragan gave loud, verbal announcements for Suspect Judge to surrender, but there was no response. Deputy Barragan directed his dog to search (off-leash) the larger items, as well as the east side of the garage.

Once the dog completed his initial search, Deputy Barragan called it back as the team entered the backyard. They advanced to the southwest corner of the detached garage and held as Deputy Barragan made additional announcements for Suspect Judge to surrender. When no response was given, he directed his dog to search the west side of the backyard. The dog searched the northwest

side of the backyard, and tracked back south to a barbeque grill covered by a light-colored tarp.

The dog located Suspect Judge under the barbeque grill, and pulled him from it by maintaining a bite hold of his right inner thigh. Suspect Judge struggled to pry the dog from his body by moving toward the west property wall, and by pushing down on the dog's head with his left hand. While maintaining the bite hold, the dog pulled Suspect Judge to the ground, causing him to land in a supine position.

Deputy Barragan gave multiple commands for Suspect Judge to stop resisting and to place his hands at his sides. Deputy Barragan continued to give his dog commands in the Czech language to stay engaged with the bite hold since Suspect Judge would not comply with his orders.

Suspect Judge yelled to the deputies the dog had a bite hold of his testicles. He also told them to remove the dog. Suspect Judge rolled into a prone position and appeared to be reaching for his waistband while ignoring Deputy Barragan's commands for him to place his hands at his sides. Per Deputy Barragan's commands, the dog maintained its bite hold of Suspect Judge's right inner thigh.

Suspect Judge successfully pried the dog from his right leg which caused the dog to re-engage with a bite hold of Suspect Judge's lower right leg. Deputy Barragan continued to give orders to his dog to stay engaged in the bite hold, as he told Suspect Judge to display his hands.

Suspect Judge complied and placed his hands at his sides from a prone position. Deputy Barragan grabbed hold of his dog's collar and gave a verbal command which caused the dog to immediately release its bite hold. Suspect Judge was handcuffed by the arrest team deputies without further incident.

Handling Deputies Serna and Fantom positively identified Suspect Judge as the person they saw discard the shotgun from his vehicle, and flee east on foot and out of view. Deputy Serna authored an incident report and a vehicle report documenting the event which is submitted as **EXHIBIT A.**

Los Angeles County Fire Department (Rescue 15) paramedics were pre-staged at a nearby location and arrived on-scene in approximately one minute. They secured Suspect Judge, who was compliant, onto a gurney and retrieved his fully detached left testicle, which was on the ground where the bite incident occurred. Paramedics transported Suspect Judge and his detached testicle to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he was immediately treated by a trauma team, led by Doctor Manpreet Singh at 1900 hours.

As a result of the encounter with the police service dog, Suspect Judge sustained an avulsion injury to his left scrotum, which resulted in the complete detachment of his left testicle. He also received abrasions to his forehead, chest, arms and

legs as well as multiple puncture bite wounds to his right shin area. There were two lacerations behind his right knee, and one laceration on his right, upper thigh; Suspect Judge's right scrotum and right testicle remained intact. Doctor Singh stated Suspect Judge's left testicle was unsalvageable. Suspect Judge complained of pain to both wrists. X-rays confirmed his wrists were not fractured. Doctor Singh stated Suspect Judge was released from hospitalization on May 15, 2017 and cleared for booking. Copies of Suspect Judge's medical documents are submitted as **EXHIBIT B**.

Deputy Barragan (involved employee) reported his use of force to Sergeant Cook verbally and in the form of a written report; both were consistent with Sergeant Cook's observations during Suspect Judge's arrest. Deputy Barragan's supplemental report, including photographs of Suspect Judge's injuries, and a DVD with Sergeant Cook's interview of Suspect Judge are submitted in this case as **EXHIBIT C.**

IAB Note: **EXHIBIT C also includes audio files of Sergeant Cook's interviews of residents on Ruthelen Avenue and West 112th Street, [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] All the aforementioned stated they heard canine announcements transmitted in English and Spanish while inside their homes, prior to the deployment of the police dog.**

Suspect Judge was charged with 29800(A)(1) PC, Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm; 25850(C)(6) PC, Possession of a Firearm not registered to Possessor; and 25850 (C)(2) PC, Possession of a Stolen Firearm.

Suspect Judge posted bond and was released from the Inmate Reception Center on May 17, 2017. However, he was issued a $35,000 arrest warrant on September 20, 2017 for his Failure to Appear at Inglewood Court on June 15, 2017 under the aforementioned charges.

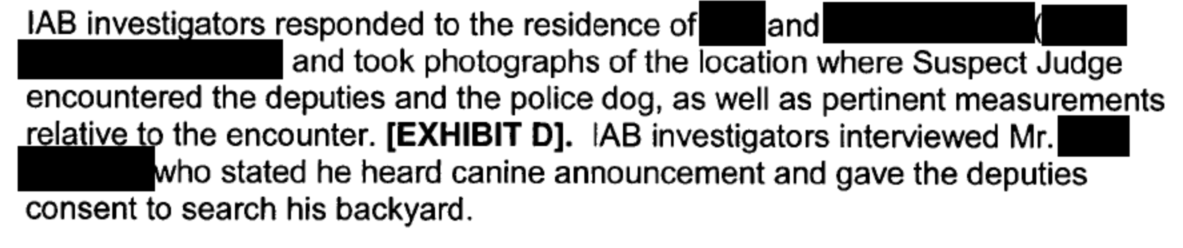
INVESTIGATION

Due to Suspect Judge's active arrest warrant, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators' efforts to locate and interview Suspect Judge were met with negative results. However, IAB investigators obtained one video file and one audio file of Sergeant Cook's interviews of Suspect Judge after the bite incident. **[EXHIBIT C]**. Suspect Judge told Sergeant Cook while hiding in the backyard at [redacted] West 112th Street, he heard announcements advising the neighborhood's residents to go inside their homes. Suspect Judge stated he did not hear announcements by deputies that ordered him to surrender due to another resident's "Pitbull" barking in the area.

IAB Note: **IAB investigators contacted Mr. [redacted] at [redacted] who lives ([redacted]) [redacted] to the location of the bite incident. He said his bullmastiff, which was in his backyard, barked excessively prior to Suspect Judge being located by deputies. Mr. [redacted] believed Suspect Judge may have attempted to flee east through his yard but was dissuaded by the presence of his dog.**

Suspect Judge said he initially fled from deputies because he had a gun and arrest warrants. Suspect Judge stated an aero unit arrived on-scene initially, but then left and returned; he believed the aero unit was attempting to locate him via his body heat or scent. Suspect Judge told Sergeant Cook he heard deputies ring the doorbell of the property where he was hidden and that its occupants did not respond.

Suspect Judge complained of an injury to his testicle after the bite incident. He stated he didn't grab the police dog. Suspect Judge told Sergeant Cook that Deputy Barragan "pulled" the dog off his body because Deputy Barragan was unable to control the dog with verbal commands. Suspect Judge said he had not used drugs or alcohol prior to the incident and had no history of mental illness.



IAB investigators responded to the residence of [redacted] and [redacted] ([redacted] and took photographs of the location where Suspect Judge encountered the deputies and the police dog, as well as pertinent measurements relative to the encounter. **[EXHIBIT D].** IAB investigators interviewed Mr. [redacted] who stated he heard canine announcement and gave the deputies consent to search his backyard.

IAB Note: **The distance from the canine announcement vehicles to where Suspect Judge hid under the barbeque grill ([redacted] West 112th Street) measured 81 feet. The distance from the southwest corner of the detached garage to where the police dog located Suspect Judge measured 18 feet. [EXHIBIT D].**

A search for witnesses and video footage of the incident met with negative results.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Edwin Barragan, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB)
Canine Services Detail

Work History

Date of Employment:	August 19, 1998
Date Assigned to SEB/CSD:	March 1, 2010
Prior Shooting incident(s):	1
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	 [redacted]

IAB Note: **Deputy Barragan's assigned dog is a four-year-old German Shepherd named Pluto, from the Czech Republic. Canine Pluto only responds to commands in the language of Czech and was Department-certified on January 30, 2017. Prior to this incident, Pluto had been utilized by Deputy Barragan on approximately [redacted] deployments resulting in [redacted] bite findings. None of these [redacted] were haphazard.**

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol
Magazines
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Baton
Handcuffs
Portable Radio
Flashlight

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Michael Martinez Judge Male, Black, DOB: April 21, 1976, 5'10", 192 pounds, Booking #4988460

Address: [redacted]

Booking Charges: 29800(A)(1) PC, Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm; 25850(C)(6) PC, Possession of a Firearm not registered to Possessor; and 25850 (C)(2) PC, Possession of a Stolen Firearm.

Criminal History: CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

Suspect Judge's criminal history consists of [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]. A copy of Suspect Judge's criminal history printouts are submitted with this case as **EXHIBIT E.**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Judge sustained canine bites to is right groin and right leg, which caused a right testicular avulsion, (1) 2-1/2 cm laceration to his right groin, (2) 3 cm lacerations to the right rear knee, and multiple puncture wounds to his right shin. Suspect Judge also sustained an abrasion to his left forehead, as well as abrasions to his chest, arms and legs. He complained of wrist pain.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was collected by Deputy Brenda Serna and booked at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY BARRAGAN

With the approval of Sergeant Cook, Deputy Barragan deployed his police dog which located Suspect Judge. The dog applied several bite holds to effectively subdue Suspect Judge.

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT JUDGE

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into Suspect Judge's actions was handled by South Los Angeles Station Detective Garland Miller, Employee Number [redacted] He was charged with one felony count of 29800(A)(1) PC, Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm; one felony count of 25850(C)(6) PC, Possession of a Firearm not registered to Possessor; and one felony count of 25850 (C)(2) PC, Possession of a Stolen Firearm. Court Case Number YA096461.

Subject Judge posted bond and was released from the Inmate Reception Center on May 17, 2017. However, he was issued a $35,000 arrest warrant (#INGYA09646101) on September 20, 2017 for his Failure to Appear at Inglewood Court on June 15, 2017 under the aforementioned charges. As of April 5, 2018, Suspect Judge remains at-large, pending this arrest warrant.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather was clear with a temperature of approximately 64 degrees (F).

WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY EDWIN BARRAGAN

On February 16, 2018, Deputy Barragan was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Steven Johnson and Calvin Mah. The interview was conducted at the SEB/CSD office and was digitally audio recorded. He stated he authored a supplemental report, documenting the event and his actions. **[EXHIBIT C].**

On May 11, 2017, Deputy Barragan said he worked the canine detail during PM shift with his assigned police dog, Pluto, when he was requested via radio (Special Unit Dispatch or SUD), regarding a contained, armed suspect in South Los Angeles Station's area. He stated CSD personnel, Sergeant Cook and Deputy Jurado, arrived to the incident before him. Upon Deputy Barragan's arrival, he stated he was briefed by Sergeant Cook about the incident which involved an adult, male Black suspect with cornrows whose vehicle collided into a masonry wall, as he discarded a loaded shotgun and fled the location.

Under the supervision of Sergeant Cook, Deputy Barragan said a tactical plan to locate the high risk suspect was put in place prior to the dog's deployment. His plan included Sergeant Cook and Deputy Jurado contacting residents at their homes to confirm whether the occupants were accounted for and whether known individuals occupied or resided in the backyards. He said he established himself and Canine Pluto to the lead the team as a less lethal option, while Sergeant Cook and Deputy Jurado occupied roles as lethal alternatives to the threat of Suspect Judge. Deputy Barragan stated Deputies Maldonado, Perez and Lim were assigned to provide security from the rear of the team, and also were designated to act as handlers of Suspect Judge once located.

Deputy Barragan said the team began their search at the last known location of Suspect Judge. He said the team searched south to West 112th Street and then east to [redacted] West 112th Street. Prior to deploying Canine Pluto into the backyard of [redacted] West 112th Street, Deputy Barragan said his team confirmed with the residents that all individuals in the home were accounted for. He stated the team told a female occupant to stay inside the home and she consented to a search of the backyard.

Deputy Barragan said his team initially approached the backyard from the black iron, gated driveway on the east side of the residence with Canine Pluto on-leash. He stated the gate obstructed the team's view into the backyard; they

opened it, and staged at the gate. He said he then saw a cabinet and large garbage cans in front of a detached garage which could've easily concealed Suspect Judge.

Deputy Barragan stated he made loud, verbal announcements and Suspect Judge did not respond. He said he directed his dog (off-leash) to search the items in front of the garage as well as the east side of garage, which was bordered by a masonry property wall.

Deputy Barragan said this team entered the backyard once the dog completed an initial search. Deputy Barragan called his dog back. He stated he moved the search team to the southwest corner of the detached garage and directed the dog to search the west side of backyard. He said Canine Pluto's lap around the west side of the backyard led him to a barbecue grill covered by a tarp.

IAB Note: During his interview, Deputy Barragan was shown photographs of the barbeque grill covered with a beige tarp. He confirmed it was the barbeque grill which Suspect Judge hid under when located by the police dog. [EXHIBIT D].

He stated his dog went behind the grill briefly and made contact with Suspect Judge who was hiding underneath it. He said the barbecue grill propelled from the ground from possibly being pushed away by Suspect Judge who sprung to his feet. Deputy Barragan saw the dog had a bite hold of Suspect Judge's right inner thigh and Suspect Judge attempted to pry the dog off by pushing the dog's muzzle away with his left hand. Deputy Barragan said Suspect Judge was "fit, cut, muscular" and in "good shape."

Deputy Barragan stated as Suspect Judge struggled with the dog, he moved in a westerly direction away from the team, but was ultimately taken to the ground by the dog. Once on the ground, Deputy Barragan said he gave Suspect Judge commands to stop fighting the dog, but Suspect Judge did not comply; instead he rolled from his back onto his stomach while reaching for his waistband.

Deputy Barragan said Suspect Judge succeeded in prying the dog's bite hold from his right inner thigh, but the dog re-engaged Suspect Judge by applying a bite hold to his right leg. Deputy Barragan said he continued to give orders to his dog in Czech to stay engaged on Suspect Judge while he and his team maintained their positions of cover at the southwest corner of the detached garage.

Deputy Barragan told Suspect Judge to place his hands at his sides, but Suspect Judge remained uncompliant while yelling unintelligibly. After numerous commands for Suspect Judge to stop fighting the dog, Deputy Barragan said Suspect Judge eventually complied by placing his hands at his sides from a

prone position on the ground. He stated the bite holds lasted approximately 20-25 seconds.

Deputy Barragan said he then took physical control of the dog's collar and gave the dog a verbal command in Czech to release its bite hold of Suspect Judge. The dog complied.

Deputy Barragan stated he saw Suspect Judge sustained canine punctures to his right groin/inner thigh and right lower leg as well as abrasions to his head, legs and left hand. He said the most likely cause of the groin bite from the dog would be the dog's first point of contact when encountering Suspect Judge underneath the barbecue grill. He also stated the physical movement of Suspect Judge and loose clothing could also be factors that would affect a dog to bite the groin of a suspect.

Deputy Barragan said the abrasions to Suspect Judge may have been caused by the struggle Suspect Judge encountered with the dog while underneath the metal barbecue grill, or when Suspect Judge ran through obstacles in the yards of the neighborhood to evade deputies.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE SERGEANT JOHN COOK

On February 15, 2018, Sergeant Cook was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Steven Johnson and Ernest Ferreras. The interview was conducted at the SEB/CSD office and was digitally audio recorded. He stated he authored a Supervisor's Report on Use of Force (SH-R-438P), documenting the event.

Sergeant Cook's statements were consistent with the synopsis and the statements of Deputies Barragan and Jurado. See the submitted Supervisor's Report on Use of Force and interview transcripts.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY GILBERT JURADO

On February 16, 2018, Deputy Jurado was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Steven Johnson and Calvin Mah. The interview was conducted at the SEB/CSD office and was digitally audio recorded. His statements were consistent with the synopsis, Deputy Barragan, and Sergeant Cook's statements. Deputy Jurado said his role on the search team was lethal force. See his submitted transcripts.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ANTHONY MALDONADO

On February 21, 2018, Deputy Maldonado was interviewed by IAB Bureau Sergeants Steven Johnson and Ernest Ferreras. The interview was conducted at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy Maldonado stated he was working as Unit 32B, on PM shift, on May 11, 2017, when he heard emergent radio traffic regarding a male, Black adult suspect who threw a shotgun out of his vehicle, and fled on foot through a residential neighborhood.

Deputy Maldonado responded to the incident, initially holding an intersection as a part of a containment, coordinated by another unit. Upon being relieved by an additional unit, he was directed to meet with CSD deputies at the command post. He stated Sergeant Cook and Deputy Barragan informed him that he and his partner, Deputy Lim, as well as Deputy Perez, would be a part of an arrest team to handcuff and control the high risk suspect, once compliance was gained. Deputy Maldonado stated one of the CSD deputies was assigned a lethal position on the team, in support of the handler, with Sergeant Cook as the team's supervisor.

Deputy Maldonado's description of the use of force (canine bite) was consistent with the synopsis. See his submitted transcripts.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ROBERT LIM

On February 28, 2018, Deputy Lim was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Steven Johnson and Amber Veatch. The interview was conducted at the IAB office in the City of Commerce and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy Lim stated he was working overtime at South Los Angeles Station on PM shift on May 11, 2017. He stated he initially took a containment spot at Manhattan Place and 112th Street, but was later relieved by a Century Station unit.

Deputy Lim stated the command post deputy directed him to meet with SEB canine deputies to assist their search team for the high risk (or possibly deadly) suspect. He said the team consisted of Sergeant Cook, a canine handler/deputy, and Deputies Maldonado and Perez. A tactical plan was implemented with regard to each team member's role. Deputy Lim said his role was to provide security for the canine handler and his dog.

Deputy Lim's description of the use of force (canine bite) was consistent with the synopsis. See his submitted transcripts.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JORGE PEREZ

On February 21, 2018, Deputy Maldonado was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Steven Johnson and Ernest Ferreras. The interview was conducted at South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy Perez stated he was working on PM shift on May 11, 2017 when he heard emergent radio traffic regarding a suspect armed with a gun who ran from a unit. He said he took a containment position; a civilian pointed to a residence and told him a male Black individual with a thin build ran east though the back of its property. Sergeant Cook assigned him and Deputies Maldonado and Lim to the arrest team. Deputy Perez said the arrest team was tasked to provide rear security for the canine detail as the search was conducted.

Deputy Perez' description of the use of force (canine bite) was consistent with the synopsis. See his submitted transcripts.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY VERONICA FANTOM

On March 22, 2018, Deputy Fantom was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Steven Johnson and Eric Barron. The interview was conducted at the IAB office in the City of Commerce and was digitally audio recorded.

While traveling east from Haas Avenue and Lohengrin Street, Deputy Fantom stated she and Deputy Serna saw Suspect Judge's vehicle had a broken taillight. She stated Suspect Judge travelled approximately two or three house lengths ahead of them at a speed of about 30-35 mile per hour. The residential speed limit was 25 miles per hour.

Deputy Fantom said she saw Suspect Judge look over his right shoulder; Deputy Serna told her Suspect Judge was looking at them via his driver's side rear view mirror. Deputy Fantom said Suspect Judge accelerated his vehicle to about 50-60 mile per hour as he drove east towards Wilton Place.

Deputy Fantom said Deputy Serna turned on their patrol car lights to alert Suspect Judge of their intention to conduct a traffic stop of his vehicle. Deputy Fantom said she did not exit the vehicle to conduct a traffic stop and that Suspect Judge's vehicle never yielded. She told IAB investigators his vehicle continued to accelerate.

Deputy Fantom said Suspect Judge "rounded the corner" at West 112th Street and veered north on Wilton Place. She stated he did not stop at the intersection which may have had a stop sign; his speed was so excessive he had difficulty completing the turn.

As Suspect Judge turned his vehicle north, Deputy Fantom said she communicated with Deputy Serna that if he failed to yield while north on Wilton Place and continued driving, they would initiate a vehicle pursuit for a reckless driver. **[TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW EMPLOYEE WITNESS FANTOM, PAGE 16, 27]**. Deputy Fantom stated the factors authorizing the pursuit of a reckless driver were failure to yield within a reasonable amount of time and observable vehicle code violations.

Immediately before (or as) she heard a loud collision, Deputy Fantom said she keyed their patrol vehicle's radio and requested the patch frequency in preparation for a pending pursuit of Suspect Judge's vehicle. Deputy Fantom said she momentarily lost sight of Suspect Judge's vehicle as it rounded the corner. She stated Suspect Judge's vehicle turned north on Wilton Place to "evade" being stopped. **[TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW EMPLOYEE WITNESS FANTOM, PAGES 22 - 25].**

Deputy Fantom stated as she and Deputy Serna cleared the intersection of Wilton Place and West 112th Street to proceed north, she clearly saw Suspect Judge's vehicle had collided with the west property wall at [redacted]

As the Sheriff Communication Center (SCC) dispatcher opened the patch frequency for her emergent radio traffic, Deputy Fantom stated she and Deputy Serna stopped and gave Suspect Judge verbal commands while they were positioned behind his vehicle. Deputy Fantom then saw Suspect Judge throw a shotgun from the driver's window over the vehicle towards the passenger side and flee on foot.

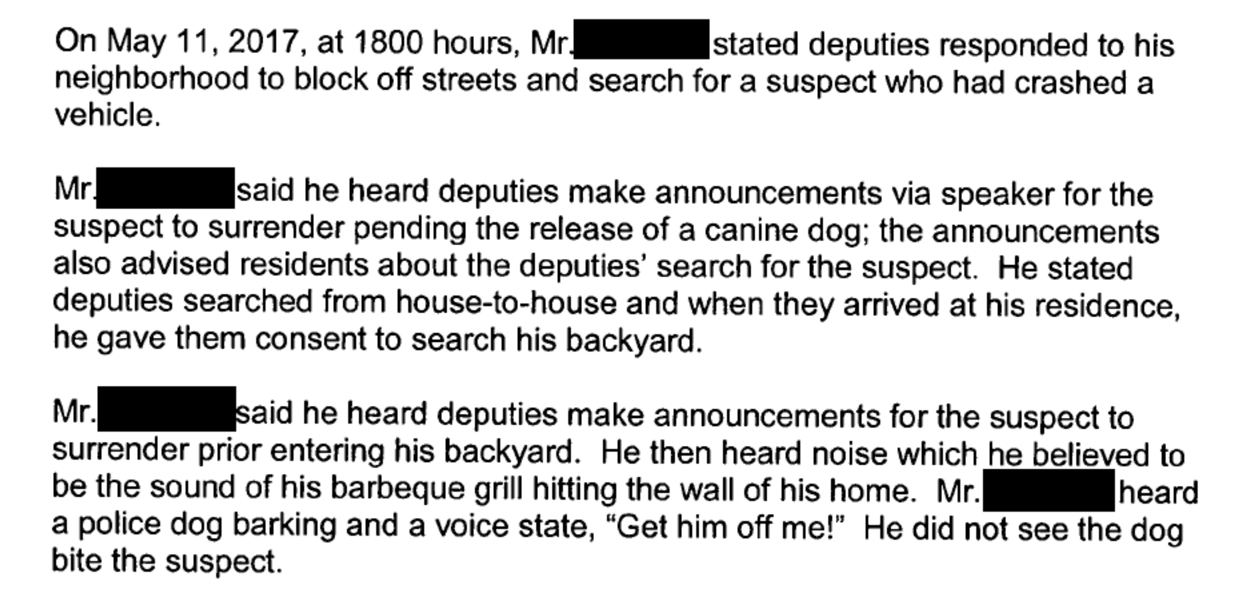
Deputy Fantom broadcasted emergent radio traffic that Suspect Judge fled east from [redacted] with a firearm. Deputy Fantom told IAB investigators that prior to Suspect Judge fleeing, she intended to broadcast that they were detaining him at gunpoint but did not.

Initially, Deputy Fantom stated she and Deputy Serna did not advance beyond the threshold of Suspect Judge's vehicle since they were unaware of its occupants. However, she stated they eventually cleared the vehicle, and then maintained a visual orientation (east) for Suspect Judge, from his last seen positon to W. 112th Street, until additional units arrived on-scene.

Deputy Fantom said she and Deputy Serna established a command post at West 112th Street and Wilton Place; they briefed Sergeant Cook and Deputy Barragan about the incident upon their arrival. She stated canine personnel and an aero unit conducted public canine announcements; a search team later found Suspect Judge. Upon the search team locating Suspect Judge, Deputy Fantom said she and Deputy Serna positively him as the individual who fled from them.

WITNESS [redacted]

On February 14, 2018, Mr. [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Steven Johnson. The interview was conducted at Mr. [redacted] residence at [redacted] in the City of Los Angeles. The interview was digitally audio recorded.



On May 11, 2017, at 1800 hours, Mr. [redacted] stated deputies responded to his neighborhood to block off streets and search for a suspect who had crashed a vehicle.

Mr. [redacted] said he heard deputies make announcements via speaker for the suspect to surrender pending the release of a canine dog; the announcements also advised residents about the deputies' search for the suspect. He stated deputies searched from house-to-house and when they arrived at his residence, he gave them consent to search his backyard.

Mr. [redacted] said he heard deputies make announcements for the suspect to surrender prior entering his backyard. He then heard noise which he believed to be the sound of his barbeque grill hitting the wall of his home. Mr. [redacted] heard a police dog barking and a voice state, "Get him off me!" He did not see the dog bite the suspect.

WITNESS DR. MANPREET SINGH

On February 14, 2018, Doctor Singh was interviewed by IAB Sergeant Steven Johnson. The interview was conducted at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in the City of Torrance and was digitally audio recorded.

Doctor Singh stated on May 11, 2017, at approximately 1900 hours, Suspect Judge was brought to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center to receive treatment for dog bite injuries he sustained because he ran from police while in possession of a firearm. Doctor Singh said when Suspect Judge arrived he was immediately "Redlined to the OR" meaning he was treated, without delay, by a medical trauma team.

Doctor Singh said Suspect Judge had an avulsion injury to his left scrotum in which the left testicle and the scrotum contents were completely detached and hence collected by paramedics who transported the contents to the hospital in a red bag.

In addition, Doctor Singh stated Suspect Judge sustained abrasions to his forehead, legs and multiple puncture bite wounds to his right shin area. There were two lacerations behind his right knee, and one laceration on his right, upper thigh; Suspect Judge's right scrotum and testicle were still intact. His left testicle was unsalvageable.

Doctor Singh said Suspect Judge complained of wrist pain and he observed both wrists were swollen. An x-ray of the wrists revealed they were not fractured. Doctor Singh stated Suspect Judge's abrasions and wrist pain were minor trauma injuries that may have been caused by him falling or hitting an object while running or possibly being "dragged along the way." **[TRANSCRIBED**

INTERVIEW WITNESS SINGH, PAGE 2]. Suspect Judge was admitted to the hospital on May 11, 2017, and discharged on May 15, 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On September 24, 2015, Suspect Judge [redacted]